

## AN ACT

To repeal sections 455.200 and 488.445, RSMo,  
and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections  
relating to domestic violence.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,  
AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Sections 455.200 and 488.445, RSMo, are repealed  
and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as  
sections 455.200 and 488.445, to read as follows:

455.200. As used in sections 455.200 to 455.230, unless the  
context clearly requires otherwise, the following words and  
phrases mean:

(1) "Designated authority", the board, commission, agency,  
or other body designated under the provisions of section 455.210  
as the authority to administer the allocation and distribution of  
funds to shelters;

(2) "Domestic violence", attempting to cause or causing  
bodily injury to a family or household member, or placing a  
family or household member by threat of force in fear of imminent  
physical harm;

(3) "Family or household member", a spouse, a former  
spouse, person living with another person whether or not as  
spouses, parent, or other adult person related by consanguinity  
or affinity, who is residing or has resided with the person  
committing the domestic violence and dependents of such persons;

(4) "Shelter for victims of domestic violence" or "shelter", a facility established for the purpose of providing temporary residential service or facilities to family or household members who are victims of domestic violence, or a shelter for the homeless where at least twenty percent of the persons receiving services at the shelter are women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

488.445. 1. The governing body of any county, or of any city not within a county, by order or ordinance to be effective prior to January 1, 2001, may impose a fee upon the issuance of a marriage license and may impose a surcharge upon any civil case filed in the circuit court. The surcharge shall not be charged when costs are waived or are to be paid by the state, county or municipality.

2. The fee imposed upon the issuance of a marriage license shall be ~~five~~ six dollars, shall be paid by the person applying for the license and shall be collected by the recorder of deeds at the time the license is issued. The surcharge imposed upon the filing of a civil action shall be ~~two~~ three dollars, shall be paid by the party who filed the petition and shall be collected and disbursed by the clerk of the court in the manner provided by sections 488.010 to 488.020. Such amounts shall be payable to the treasuries of the counties from which such surcharges were paid.

3. At the end of each month, the recorder of deeds shall

file a verified report with the county commission of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section. The report may be consolidated with the monthly report of other fees collected by such officers. Upon the filing of the reports the recorder of deeds shall forthwith pay over to the county treasurer all fees collected pursuant to subsection 2 of this section. The county treasurer shall deposit all such fees upon receipt in a special fund to be expended only to provide financial assistance to shelters for victims of domestic violence as provided in sections 455.200 to 455.230, RSMo.